

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Jung: May I ask a supplementary question of the minister. In view of the announcement just made by the minister, can she inform the house whether this applies—

Mr. Pickersgill: Are we on orders of the day?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Will the hon. member reserve his questions for the orders of the day?

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to say in reply to the announcement that we are awfully pleased to recognize the ameliorating influence of the opposition on the minister.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Douglas Jung (Vancouver Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. I apologize for having tried to ask this question when I did. I am sure the house will forgive me when I say that I momentarily forgot the rules of procedure because of an event which happened yesterday afternoon, namely the birth of twins to my wife.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is forgiven for seeing double today.

Mr. Jung: My question is, in view of the announcement just made by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration regarding the relaxation of the immigration rules regarding fiancées, can the minister inform the house whether this amendment will also apply to Chinese and Japanese fiancées, and whether it now will be still necessary for sponsors of Chinese and Japanese fiancées to post a \$1,000 bond when submitting their applications?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The answer is yes, it does apply; and the posting of the bond will now not be necessary.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

FLIGHTS OF U.S. PLANES OVER CANADIAN TERRITORY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Is it a fact that United States U-2 planes have made a series of weather flights over Canada? If so, were such flights made as the result of special arrangements with the Canadian government, which preclude using Canadian bases as take-off points for flights to the Soviet union?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in answering that question perhaps I can deal with the points raised in one or two related questions, particularly in view of the fact that there was in this morning's *Globe and Mail* a rather startling headline, "Spy Type of Planes Fly From Canada".

No such planes have ever operated from a Canadian air base. That was made clear by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Parkes) in a statement which he issued yesterday afternoon, and it has also been confirmed in Washington today by Mr. Lincoln White as spokesman for the state department. Furthermore, no such plane as the plane described here as a spy type has ever landed in Canada. Apparently the main type of U-2 plane is one which is designed for high flying, and is used for meteorological and radiological sampling. Such planes carry United States air force markings and are flown by United States air force pilots, neither of which fact pertains in the case of the plane which came down in the Soviet union.

One of the planes which is used for meteorological and radiological sampling made a forced landing north of Prince Albert on March 15, 1960. It was on a routine flight, the purpose of which was upper atmosphere meteorological and radiological sampling. It was returning from a point over Liverpool bay near the mouth of the Mackenzie river, and had not proceeded beyond North American air space. The flight in question was one of a series of scientific flights to obtain precise information about clear air turbulence, upper air cloud formations, jet streams and radiation in the upper atmosphere. The aircraft have been unarmed and all flights have been cleared in the normal manner. This is not only a matter of the planes being cleared and flight plans being filed, but also the making of reports during flight and when the plane returns to the United States.

As I have said, one such plane crashed north of Prince Albert on March 15, 1960. There is no question about its bona fides in the case, that it was such a plane and not one engaged in flying over the territory of any other country. I am further informed that these particular U-2 planes do not have the flight range to be able to fly from the United States over Canada and thence over Soviet territory.

I am very glad to have the opportunity to deal with this question this afternoon, because now if ever is the time for cool heads both in the east and in the west. As I pointed out on Monday the aim of the government, and the aim, I am sure, of every member of the